

PROJECT NAME: Forensic/DNA Lab and Evidence Processing Facility

RECIPIENT: West Valley City

LOCATION: West Valley City, Utah

PURPOSE:

While this request was submitted by the West Valley City Police Department, it is on behalf of the Salt Lake Area Chief's Alliance, which is an organization made up of nine police agencies in Salt Lake County. The requested funds will allow the allied agencies to share services in the collection, preservation, storage and processing of evidence collected from crime scenes. In a collaborative effort to reduce costs to taxpayers, and increase effectiveness of activities related to the discovery, processing and storage of evidence obtained at locations of suspected criminal activity, police agencies in the metropolitan Salt Lake area are seeking to combine resources in one central location. This location would receive potential evidence, properly store and preserve it, and provide a laboratory setting for the processing of items to retrieve evidence, such as DNA. The Salt Lake metropolitan communities collect an enormous amount of evidentiary items and the Utah State Crime Lab has placed restrictions on what can be submitted and what process that lab will complete. This facility will reduce costs and increase law enforcement effectiveness in the listed communities.

AMOUNT: \$1,700,000